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URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his meeting was held with State Ministers to discuss on the Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmeimplemented by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the decisions arrived at the meeting; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, a meeting to review the performance under the centrally sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmenamed Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana(SJSRY) was held with the State Ministers on 27th December, 2000.

(b): Issues, inter-alia, relating to the poor performance by States/UTs, non-receipt of utilisation certificates, non-receipt of quarterly progress reports and steps for utilising unspent balances available with them were discussed. Suggestions for reallocation of funds within different components of SJSRY, namely Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP),Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) and Community Structure (CS), raising the educational qualification limit and also training cost under USEP, etc. were made. Non-cooperation of the banks in sanctioning of loans also came up for discussions in the meeting for which the representative of the RBI explained that suitable instructions have been issued to the banks from time to time.

(c): Follow up action has already been initiated on the suggestions made in the meeting.